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MAY MEETING

- When: Wednesday, 28 May 1969, 12 noon.
Where: M3/2590
What: 1) Los Angeles to Ensenada with K6OF/MM "A
recounting of the nautical adventures of
the Ensenada Yacht Race and communications
provided by amateur radio.
- 2) "Field Day 1969-1 month to go" - A discussion
of plans, preparation and requirements for the
last 30 days prior to Field Day on 28 & 29 June.
- Who: 1) Ed Thornley (WA6JHD) and Carl Rothrock (W6MYC)
who manned the operating positions on K6OF/MM.
- 2) Doug Freeman (WA6AZW), Chairman Field Day
Committee.

THE PREZ SEZ

by Doug Heydon (WB6WDS)

The TRW/ARC has had more than its share of difficulties in the last two months in programming of meeting topics, availability of officers (business is actually interfering with the hobby!) and other difficulties which have kept us from meeting our commitments to the members. Last month, for the first time since its inception in January 1968, we missed an issue of CROSS TALK. Our apologies and we will try not to allow it to happen again.

Other difficulties in programming have kept us from presenting several of the planned events, but we hope with Al Lee's return from the Cape, following the next Intelsat launch, that our able Vice-President and the other members of the Executive board will be able to settle down on a good programming outline for the remainder of this year.

You will do Doug Freeman a big favor if you will bring the questionnaire, attached to this issue of CROSS TALK, with you to the meeting next Wednesday.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Bill Thompson (W6PMV)

TRW ARC Executive Board Meeting - April

The Executive Board meeting scheduled for 16 April 1969, was not held due to unavoidable conflicting activities which prevented several officers from attending. All Club business was deferred to the May meeting.

TRW ARC Membership Meeting - April

The regular meeting of the TRW ARC was held at 12 noon on Wednesday, April 30, 1969 in M3/2590 at Space Park. Ten members were present, including Messrs Bellin, Freeman, Gleed, Heydon, McClellan, Reed, Rothrock, Saunders, Thompson and Thornley. Poor attendance was attributed to omission of the April "Cross Talk" due to unavoidable circumstances.

The meeting was devoted to the discussion of Field Day plans and was conducted primarily by Doug Freeman and Fred Reed. Details of these plans will be included in the May Executive Board minutes.

Carl Rothrock and Ed Thornley announced their participation in the Newport-Ensenada Yacht Race over the May 1st-2nd period, operating maritime mobile as K60F on 7.220, 7.230 and 3.855 MH.

President Heydon announced dates for coming Club meetings:

May 14 - Executive Board Meeting

May 28 - Membership Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

TRW ARC Executive Board Meeting - May

The TRW ARC Executive Board meeting was held at 12 noon on Wednesday, May 14, 1969 in M3/2580 at Space Park. Those present included: Doug Heydon, Ed Thornely, Al Brubaker, Doug Freeman and Bill Thompson.

The entire meeting was devoted to a review of plans for Field Day. Items of note included:

1. Site - The location selected is the Norm Watson property on Crown View Road, near Crest Road, Palos Verdes peninsula (San Pedro Hill).
2. Insurance - It has been determined that TRW employees who participate as members of the ARC, a TRW/SEA sponsored Club, are included under existing TRW/SEA liability insurance. Doug Heydon is investigating added coverage for non-TRW employees and visitors under 21 who may be on-site.

3. Equipment - Herb Glead is coordinating equipment commitments and it appears that sufficient equipment is available. Additional receivers can be used for "band - scanning" to locate "hot spots". Also need low-power rig with VFO's.
4. Participation - Chairman Doug Freeman's questionnaire is being distributed to identify participants, operations, and equipment facility suppliers. Prompt response is urged.
5. Operator Training - Ed Thornley will plan one or more "training" sessions (prior to Field Day) for: a) log preparation instructions, b) equipment operation, and c) voice procedures.
6. Antennae - Fred Reed is coordinating plans for antennae. The use of mobile whips and ground-plane vertical is being considered during "start-up" to get into operation prior to erection of the main antennae.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 P.M.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Bill Dews (K6AW0)

MARCH SUMMARY

Balance on hand 3 March 1969 \$187.52

Receipts

QSL Cards	\$ 16.00
SEA 1st Quarter	61.00
Door Prizes	5.50
Dues	24.00
Total	<u>\$106.50</u>

Expenses

Magazines	21.50
QSL Cards	19.00
Credit Union	20.00
Door Prizes	4.23
Total	<u>\$ 64.73</u>

Balance on hand 31 March 1969 \$229.29

I wish to thank L. A. Amateur Radio, Bill Ogg for the generous donation for door prizes in January and March.

Since Bill is out of the plant on launch operations, the April Treasurers's Report will be in next month's Cross Talk.

FIELD DAY COMMITTEE by Doug Freeman (WA6AZW)

San Pedro Hill will again be our site for Field Day 1969. Permission has been granted by the owner of our selected site. A trip is planned for Saturday, 4/26/69 to make preliminary measurements for equipment/antenna location.

A special mailing, concerning Field Day, will be out next month to give all hands an opportunity to sign up. Please be sure to return it.

ACTIVITY REPORT By Ed Thornley, WA6JHD

What happened during our April QSO Party? It is reported that we had a lot of listening and CQ'ing, but not a single TRW Club Member contact! That's almost a perfect record, perfect zero, that is! What went wrong? Too many frequencies?, Wrong time or too much time?, or was it just a plethora of lethargism? (look that up in your Funk and Wagnalls!).

Well, let's try it again one of these days. But let me have your comments and criticisms. We'd like to have a real good QSO Party, but let's do it in some way that will rack up some QSO's.

Johnny Rothrock (W6MYC) and yours truly helped out with radio communications during the Newport-Ensenada International Yacht Race, May 1 through 3, 1969. We cruised to Ensenada aboard the motor yacht "Westward" owned by Don Gompertz, K6OF and operated Don's shipboard gear maritime mobile. We provided race information back to WB6RMA, Newport Beach on 2 and 40 enroute and operated a three station 2 meter circuit in Ensenada to aid the race committee and relay information back to Newport on 40. Worked Fred Reed (W6UMC) and Doug Heydon (WB6WDS) while off San Diego from K6OF/MM. Had a great time and hope we can do it again next year. Other hams helping out were Clair Weidenaar (WB6UHG), Carrol Hudson (WB6RMA), Jim Hendonson (WA6LVS), John Roberts (WA6LAB) and Dave Lee (WB6ULE).

Silent Key - All of us who knew him were saddened at the recent passing of Jack Roskilly (WB6ZWI). Jack was an Application Engineer with the Magnavox Corporation and called on many of us at TRW. We'll miss his friendly voice on the bands. Jack was a member of the San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club.

BLIPS by Don Schweitzer (WB6TES)

HAM and the CUCUMBER
(Another one-sided QSO)

A Ham and a Cucumber are each a sort of oddity in the world's marketplaces. Both have merit, can be sweet or sour, and get pickled easily.

The ends of a cucumber are somewhat bitter to take--like the beginning and ending of the great Ham Experience.

Lop off those ends and look at what's left.

A bright, green, cool cucumber (or Ham) with great prospects for enjoyment at a very low cost.

Properly sliced and seasoned with some salt, and Lawry's Seasoned Salt, a cucumber makes a very fine sandwich.

With proper slicing of Radio Self-education the Amateur becomes a very fine product too-- even if not suitable for a Ham Sandwich.

Drop a cucumber (with some vinegar) into hot water, spice (of life) sugar, and alum (to pucker up big-mouthing when it's time to listen) and you have a real good thing.

Hams get the same treatment and are usually very good too.

Now why don't you Cucumbers all get with the "batch" and help make the 1969 Field Day of the TRW Amateur Radio Club a CHOW-CHOW to remember with RELISH?

Come on LIDS, JAR loose! Don't be a vegetable.

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NEW MEMBERS

Ted Cullian (K6NG), is active on 80 through 10, CW-AM-SSB. Likes to work DX.

Bob Glenn (WB6YJE), DX and traffic operator is on 40 through 10 with RTTY capabilities on 20 and 15.